

City of Renton Community Services Department – Recreation Division

Renton Men's Softball Rule Highlights

Official ASA Rules shall govern league play, with the following exceptions stated in the "City of Renton Supplemental Softball Rules and Regulations"

A game will be considered complete if one team leads by ten (10) runs after five complete innings (4 ½ innings if home team leads).

Teams must start and finish a game with a minimum of eight (8) players. If at any time during a game a team has fewer than 8 players participating, the game will be considered a forfeit. Players may only participate on one City of Renton men's softball team per season.

There will be unlimited substitution of all players listed in the batting order (up to 20). Players arriving before the first pitch of the third inning may be added to the bottom of the batting order. Players arriving after the first pitch of the third inning may be substituted per ASA substitution rules.

Each team may use a courtesy runner for one (1) player per game. Courtesy runners must be the last out.

A player will start their turn at bat with 0 balls and 0 strikes. No courtesy foul; if a player has two strikes and hits a foul ball, he or she is out.

A game cut short for any reason will be considered a complete game if five (5) innings have been completed.

No new innings will be started after **1 hour and 10 minutes**. If at the end of this time, the game is tied, it will be played until the tie is broken. International tiebreaker will be applied at the top of the 8th inning. Start the inning with no outs and a runner on second base.

A ten (10) minute grace period will be allowed for the first game. For double headers: A twenty (20) minute grace period will be allowed for the second game of the double header from the scheduled start time of the first game of the double header.

Progressive home run rule is in effect. One (1) progressive for all leagues applies to balls hit untouched over the fence. An out will be the penalty for each home run that places team two (2) home runs ahead of their opponent.

Stepping into a batter's box with an illegal/banned bat will be an out. Refer to ASA illegal/banned bat list.

Stealing will *not* be permitted.